GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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LICENCES TO DRUG MANUFACTURING COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have taken any action to liberalise/simplify and make theprocess of issuing licence to the Drug Manufacturing companies transparent in the country, after the announcement of the liberalized Industrial Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the number of new indigenous companies which have entered in this industry as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (d) : Under the existing Drug Policy Provisions, Industrial licensing for all bulkdrugs cleared by Drug Controller (India) and all their intermediates have been abolished except in the cases of bulk drugs produced by the use of re-combinant DNA technology and bulk drugs requiring in-vivo use of nucleic acids as the active principles. Licensing has also been abolished for formulations except in cases of specific cell/tissue targeted formulations. These liberalised provisions have encouraged several companies to set up units in the pharmaceutical sector.